

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on Feb. 02, 2010. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 30-44 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have:

1) amended claim 30; 2) canceled claim 31; 3) added no new claims.

As such, claims 30 and 32-44 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented in view of the amendments and following arguments and remarks.

The status identifier of claim 33 has been amended in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on Feb. 10, 2010.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing dependent claims 31-44. Claims 31-44 depend on the independent claim 30 (which is under rejection). Claim 30 is being amended to incorporate subject matter of claim 31. Since claim 31, which was depending upon claim 30, was found allowable, the amended claim 30 should also be allowable as it incorporates limitations of claim 31. Dependent claims 32-44 now depend on the amended claim 30. Hence, claims 32-44 should also be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and a Notice of Allowance. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2652 (Order No. A287). The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 650-427-3096 to discuss any additional changes the Examiner may feel is necessary in light of this Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,
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